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Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment Update

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EPA is making good progress on our Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment and we look forward to sharing it with you next spring. The report will have two main parts -- the first part summarizes information on several key resources, including salmon, freshwater fish, wildlife, roads, economics and indigenous culture -- the second part is a risk assessment.

The opportunity to nominate candidates for the Scientific Peer Review panel is coming up in mid-January. The notice and instructions on how to comment will be published in the Federal Register. We will also notify you using this e-mail list. Pleased stay tuned!

During the past month, EPA has met with several groups, organizations and businesses to exchange scientific information and listen to different perspectives about large scale development in Bristol Bay. The list includes Bristol Bay Seafood Development Association, Bristol Bay Native Corporation Land Committee, Nuna Resources, Trout Unlimited, Wild Salmon Center, Pebble Partnership, Alaska Peninsula Corporation Board, Iliamna Development Corporation, Nunamta Aulukestai and the BBNC Village Leadership Workshop. Here is a link to the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment Update presentation given by EPA Manager Rick Parkin at some of these meetings.

Thank you for your interest in EPA's work in Bristol Bay. Please send questions to the project team at R10BristolBay@epa.gov

If your organization has a website, please feel free to add a link to our EPA Bristol Bay website: www.epa.gov/region10/bristolbay

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